

ESRD DISEASE MANAGEMENT DEMONSTRATION

The ESRD Disease Management Demonstration allows organizations serving ESRD patients to receive a capitation payment in order to test the effectiveness of disease management models in increasing quality of care and containing costs. The demonstration will last for four years. Organizations are responsible for all Medicare covered services for participating beneficiaries. Organizations will receive a risk-adjusted ESRD Medicare Advantage payment rate, and they may propose risk-sharing .

The demonstration fits into CMS overall quality initiative for ESRD: the payment method includes an incentive payment scheme for quality. The demonstration will set aside a 5 percent incentive payment for quality. The project will use four indicators profiled in the CMS ESRD Clinical Performance Measures (CPM) Project, developed based on guidelines established in conjunction with the National Kidney Foundation, and, in addition, two measures related to bone disease, reflecting those currently under development by CMS under the CPM project.

The indicators for the quality incentive payment are:

1. Adequacy of dialysis (Kt/V)
2. Anemia Management (Hemoglobin)
3. Vascular Access (The difference between the number of fistulas and the number of chronic catheters.)
4. Serum Albumin (BCG/BCP lab methods)
5. Bone Disease (Intact Plasma PTH and Serum Calcium-Phosphorus Product)

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